

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the "ABSTRACT" as follows:

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C<sup>1</sup> A step lighting apparatus comprising a coextrusion of a light reflective gray strip with a dark plastic body. The apparatus is mountable to the nose of a stair step where the reflective strip is located at the edge of the step. The strip is made from a material that will reflect low level ambient light to indicate the step's edge.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims ~~14-18~~ without prejudice or disclaimer. Please amend Claims 1, 7, and 10 as follows:

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- 1 1. (Thrice Amended) A lighting apparatus comprising:
  - 2 a first extruded portion shaped to mount on the nose of a stair step; and,
  - 3 a second extruded portion coextruded with said first portion and mounted on
  - 4 top of the first portion so as to be above the nose of the stair step, said second portion
  - 5 comprising a material inert to light and selected to have a reflectance factor greater than or
  - 6 equal to light gray polyvinyl chloride.

1            6. (Thrice Amended) A lighting apparatus mountable in connection with  
2 a step of a staircase and comprising:  
3            a first plastic extruded portion providing a step plate surface and a riser surface  
4 mounted at a right angle with respect to one another and dimensioned to be mounted on a nose  
5 portion of a stair step;  
6            a second plastic light reflective strip made from a material that is inert to light  
7 and coextruded with said first portion, located so as to be disposed at and visible along an edge  
8 of said step; and,  
9            a lamp mounted on a portion of a seat, said seat being located adjacent to said  
10 step, where the lamp is positioned to cast light on the second plastic light reflective strip for  
11 reflection by the strip.

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              10. (Twice Amended) A lighting apparatus comprising:  
2            a first extruded portion shaped to mount on a nose of a stair step; and,  
3            a second strip portion coextruded with said first portion from a reflective  
4 material inert to light; said strip mounted on top of the first portion and located so as to be  
5 disposed at and visible along an edge of said step in a darkened environment without  
6 connecting the strip to a power source.

Please add the following new Claim 19:

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- 1            13 19. A lighting apparatus comprising:
- 2            a first extruded component shaped to mount on the nose of a stair step, said
- 3 first component is made from a material inert to light and selected to have a reflectance factor
- 4 less than light gray polyvinyl chloride;
- 5            a second extruded component coextruded with said first component and
- 6 mounted on the first component above the nose of a stair step; said second component
- 7 comprising a material inert to light and selected to have a reflectance factor greater than or
- 8 equal to light gray polyvinyl chloride; and,
- 9            a lamp mounted above the second component such that light from the lamp is
- 10 directed to the second component and reflected by the second component so that the nose of
- 11 the stair step is illuminated by the second component.
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